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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AUGUST 14-25, 1978, GENEVA -- NAMIBIA DAY

1. AT 3:00 A.M. AUGUST 26 WORLD CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS BEGAN OBSERVANCE OF NAMIBIA DAY. ALTHOUGH EXHAUSTED AND (ACCORDING TO MISSION SOURCES) DOZING BECAUSE OF TWO LATE NIGHT/EARLY MORNING MEETINGS (AUGUST 23 AND 24) PARTICIPANTS MUSTERED ENOUGH ENERGY TO LAUNCH STANDARD ATTACKS ON SAG. SEVERAL DELS COMMENTED THAT ATTACKS IN ZAMBIA SHOWED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN NEGOTIATIONS ON NAMIBIA WERE NOT IN GOOD FAITH AND DENIED SAG BELIEF THAT NAMIBIA IS SOUTH AFRICAN CONCLAVE. AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN (NIGERIA) SPEAKING FOR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID STATED THAT SAG WAS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PREVENT FREE CHOICE BY NAMIBIANS. HE NOTED, ALSO, THAT THE SAG HAS NOT RELEASED (NAMIBIAN) POLITICAL PRISONERS.

2. FINLAND SPEAKING FOR THE NORDICS (ICELAND AND NORWAY
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NOT PRESENT AT THE PLENARY) EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NAMIBIA WOULD BE INDEPENDENT IN NEAR FUTURE. TRINIDAD/TOBAGO AND USSR MADE STATEMENTS SUPPORTING NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE. THERE WAS NO WESTERN STATEMENT SINCE THE EC 9, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND HAD WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONFERENCE. THE RUMPSTERS WHO REMAINED (SPAIN, PORTUGAL, GREECE AND TURKEY) WERE SILENT ON THIS ITEM.

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3. THE MEETING ON NAMIBIA ADJOURNED AT 4:15 A.M. AUGUST 26, 1978. VANDEN HEUVEL

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